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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCMAHES.
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER FOR MR FRY, HMCC//ATTENTION CIA
REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO MR JOHN YEO.

ITEM NO: 3

DATE: 6 MAY 74

SUBJECT: SVOBODA'S ILLNESS

IN

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

REF :

CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA IS GRAVELY ILL
AND HIS DEATH COULD OCCUR AT ANY MOMENT. HE HAS BEEN UNDER
INTENSIVE CARE IN A PRAGUE HOSPITAL SINCE APRIL 25.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY PRESIDUM IS NOW REVIEWING THE
PROBLEM OF WHO WILL SUCCEED HIM.

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NSA review completed

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THIS WOULD MEAN A HARDENING OF THE REGIME IN PRAGUE THAT OTHER EAST EUROPEAN LEADERS WOULD READ AS A CLEAR SIGNAL OF MOSCOW'S DESIRES FOR TIGHTENED PARTY CONTROL.

HUSAK COULD BE EXPECTED TO FIGHT AGAINST LOSING HIS PARTY POST FOR THE LARGELY CEREMONIAL JOB OF PRESIDENT. WE BELIEVE THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENCY ARE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT ALOJIS INDRA AND PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL--BOTH OF WHOM ARE "HARD-LINERS." E2 IMPROBETH

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